

**\$500 Matching Mini Grants for COVID-19 Response For Local Church
Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church**

Because the impact of COVID-19 will be felt for time to come, there are opportunities for UM local churches, campus ministries, and UM-related nonprofits to fill gaps in community assistance as well as show the love of Christ.

The grant program is an opportunity for local churches, campus ministries, and UM-related nonprofits to have direct impact on vulnerable (including racial/ethnic and indigenous) populations and communities. The grant award would be \$500 from the Michigan Conference when \$500 of matching funds has been secured by the applicant.

Goal of Program:

To provide funding for local churches to provide immediate COVID-19 prevention and relief activities to populations most impacted by the current pandemic. These activities can include but are not limited to: Health, Food Insecurity, Water and Hygiene, and Economic Stability.

Examples of activities:

Objective 1: Health Increased access to necessary health supplies Example activities: purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) or other medical supplies, provide psycho-social support/services

Objective 2: Food Assistance Increased access to immediate food assistance Example activities: food, meal, grocery card/voucher distribution

Objective 3: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Increased access to water, sanitation and hygiene products/supplies Example activities: install handwashing stations, water storage or treatment units; conduct hygiene training; purchase and distribute soap and cleaning supplies

Objective 4: Economic Stability Increased ability for households to reach economic stability Example activities: provide financial assistance to meet basic needs

Objective 5: Other Covid-19-related activities

Applicants be Asked to Provide the Following in the Application:

1. Duration of program
2. What area their project falls in (which objective)
3. Community collaborations already in place
4. What vulnerable community the project seeks to assist and why that population is considered vulnerable in the context of COVID-19
5. How does the project fill a gap that is not being addressed in their community
6. How many people is the project intended to impact
7. What will be the indicators of success of the project
8. What measures will be taken to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus during project implementation
9. Simple budget
10. Plan to raise \$500 matching funds

***Please complete the online application at michiganumc.org/
Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis, until July 31, 2020 or until funds are exhausted.***

